

1608

French started settling in  
America

The London Co. founded the first English Colony in the New World at Jamestown (a nearby malarial site had been abandoned a year earlier. Strange food and inadequate shelter (log cabins were a later Swedish development) left the Colony with only 53 survivors of the original 144 settlers after the first winter. But Capt. John Smith plotted the Indians &

learned how to plant corn

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## Telescope invented

At the annual Frankfurt fair in 1608 an exhibitor offered for sale, a telescope, with both a convex and a concave lens, which could magnify objects 7 times.

A month later, the Dutch spectacle-maker Hans Lipperhey was granted a license to manufacture the instrument by the Netherlands states-general. Within a year, primitive telescopes had reached France & Italy. In Venice GALILEO GALILEI heard of the

invention.

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Quebec City was founded

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Rudolf transfers Hungary and  
Austria to Matthias.

Dec. 9, 1608

English poet John Milton  
was born in London.



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French Colonists found Quebec

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The telescope was invented in 1608 when a young apprentice was playing games. While his master, the spectacle-maker Hans LIPPERSHY, was away, the apprentice amused himself with lenses and suddenly found a combination that made things seem closer. He showed this to Lippershy, who enclosed the lenses at two

ends of a tube.